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### NEWS AT HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kimball Ziegfeld, who were married last February, were the guests of honor at a reception given Saturday evening, March 10, at the Chicago Musical College by the Ziegfeld Club, made up of the men of the college faculty. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Falk and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ziegfeld received. Smiley served a supper and 150 guests were present.

The Swedish National Association, greatly pleased at the success of the recent performance of "Frithiof and Ingeborg" at the Auditorium, tendered a complimentary banquet to the singers who took part in the opera. The banquet was held at the Sherman House Friday night, March 16, and covers were laid for 250. An extensive programme of music, toasts and speeches helped along the gayety of the banquet. President Ole Peterson acted as toastmaster. Bernhard Anderson spoke on "Music," E. W. Olson recited an original poem, and E. C. Bye talked on "The Occasion."

Members of the Glee, Mandolin, and Banjo Clubs, at the University of Chicago, believe President Harper is trying to place the musical interests of the university under the management of one man, a member of the faculty, as athletics are managed. They base their belief on the action of the president in requesting the three clubs to defer the election of leaders until he conferred with them. No election was held, and a committee, consisting of Fred G. Moloney, E. C. Andrews and Francis Campau, was appointed to confer with President Harper. After this committee has reported the president will meet all the members of the clubs and talk over the situation with them.

Charles Gauthier, the brilliant dramatic tenor of the French Grand Opera Company, has been engaged by the Chicago Musical College as an instructor in its vocal department. He will begin his duties next September.

The Amateur Musical Club's ninetieth artists' recital took place at University Hall, Fine Arts Building, Tuesday afternoon, March 20, with Miss Leonora Jackson, violinist, as soloist. A large audience was present and exhibited delight at her playing. The programme contained the D minor Vieuxtemps concerto, No. 4; the Bach Chaconne (unaccompanied); Ernst's Hungarian melodies; arrangements from Chopin and Brahms, by Sarasati and Joachim; and other numbers by Tschaikowsky, Arensky, Simonetti, and Bazzini.

Mr. Gabriel Katzenberger will conduct the 30,000 children who will comprise the great chorus which will be stationed on the lake front Dewey Day.

Wednesday evening, March 28, a piano concert was given by Emil Liebling, assisted by Mrs. Sanger Steel, soprano, and Misses Harriet Engel Brown and Maude Jennings, pianists. A song recital by Miss Grace Elliott Dudley and Arthur Tressler Scott, assisted by Miss Blanche Deering, pianist, took place in Kimball Hall Tuesday evening, March 27, under the auspices of the American Conservatory.

Miss Augusta Sottman, pianist, announces a recital to take place Tuesday evening, April 3, at Handel Hall. She will be assisted by Theodore Spiering.

The baritone, Cav. Emilio de Bernis, gave a concert at Kimball Hall Friday evening, March 30, assisted by the following: Mrs. Eliza Aurelius-Hardy, Miss Adele Blauer, Mrs. Fred T. Kent, Sig. Buzzi-Peccia, Sig. Salvatore Tamaso, and Miss Bertha Dunham, accompanist.

Mrs. Katherine Fisk, Mr. Steindel, and Mr. Kramer were the attractions on the programme of the Chicago Orchestra last Friday afternoon and Saturday evening. Mrs. Fisk, the Chicago contralto, who has been abroad for some time past, was heard to advantage in the two arias which she had chosen.

Mr. Steindel played the chaste and beautiful "Scene Religeuse," from Massenet's admired suite, "Les Erinnyes."

The New World symphony and the Capriccio are well-known favorites which were crowded out of the recent request programme.

The programme in full was as follows:

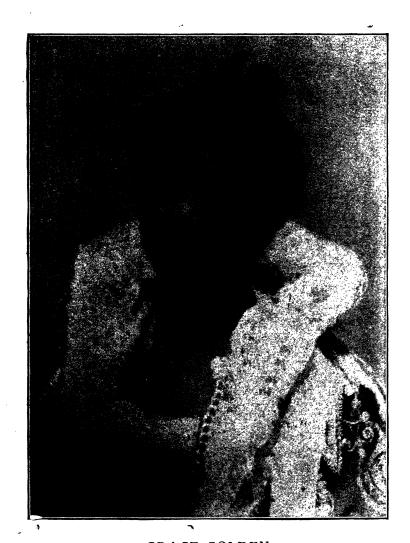
Overture—"The Maid of Orleans".....Sodermann
Symphony No. 5, E minor......Dvorak

Largo ...... Handel

Developments during the last few days have proved conclusively that Miss Elizabeth Dowe, for more than a year cashier for C. J. Off & Co., wholesale grocers of Peoria, Ill., is a defaulter in the sum of \$1,800.

The money has been taken little by little, and upon confession the young woman said she had sent the entire sum to a young man who is striving for a musical education in Chicago. This being proven, the parents of the young man, even though they are poor people, sold their little home in the lower end of the city that they might return the money to Off & Co. Their son, they said, did not know that his sweetheart was stealing the money. In view of the fact that the money had been refunded, Off & Co. have dropped the idea of prosecution.

The Beethoven Club of Austin gave a concert Tuesday night, March 27, in the Congregational Church parlors, which was largely attended and was successful in every way. The following members of



GRACE GOLDEN.

Castle Square Opera Company.

the club took part, assisted by Albert Leo Preiser, a Chicago violinist; Mrs. Lola Gailey Chace, soprano; Miss Fannie Barnett and Miss Jessie Beach, pianists; Miss Nettie Jones and Miss Edith Wallace, accompanists. The following programme was rendered: Grand Valse ......Venzano Mrs. Chace.

Miss Barnett.

Analysis—Mrs. Ongawa.

Legende ...... Wieniawski A. L. Preiser.

(a) "The Rosary" ... E. Nevin

(b) "Lullaby" ... Dorman Mrs. Chace. (a) Waltz, No. 2......Chopin 

Miss Beach. Anaylsis-Mrs. Ongawa.

The concert was under the direction of Miss Alice Dayton and C. F. Vogel.

The Beethoven Club of Austin is attracting considerable attention in musical circles. Some excellent concerts have been given during the winter. are musicians of unusual ability among its members, and prominent musicians of Chicago from time to time take part in the programmes. The next concert, to be given two weeks hence, will end the series for the

The orchestral class under Mr. Spiering's direction, which is now in its third season, will give a concert Tuesday evening, April 17, at University Hall.

Thursday evening, March 15, the Chicago National College of Music, under the direction of Dr. H. S. Perkins, gave a concert in Kimball Hall by advanced students. Miss Ethel Stillwell, Miss Elda Dushoff, Miss Jenny Gunthorp and Master Harry Dushoff were the vocalists. Misses Maude M. Campbell, Emily Rose Haunys, Grace E. Longnecker, Anna Fuerst, Fannie Lubin, Jennie Smith, Ethel Stilwell and Messrs. John R. Andrew and Dauphin H. Kellogg were the pianists. Mr. Edward Schroeder was the violinist and Miss Longnecker the recitationist. The piano players did so well, both in their solo numbers, duets and trios, that it is unnecessary to particularize, had we space, and yet, we will say that Miss Campbell's playing of the Bach Prelude and Fugue and Kullak's Second Octave Study was worthy of special mention. She is a pianist of great promise. Schroeder played quite masterly the violin numbers, "Simple Avue" by Thome, and a Nocturne by Sarisate. He is doing honor to himself, his teacher, Mr. Alex. Krauss, and his State—Iowa. The trio for two violins (Messrs. Schroeder and Bruher) and piano (Mr. Andrew) proved to be very enjoyable. Miss Stillwell sang "O Mio Fernando" from "La Favorita," and Miss Dushoff "Una Voce Poco Fa," by Rossini, with great credit. Both of these young artists have been well trained by Dr. Perkins. And Master Dushoff came in for his share of the hearty applause from the large audience after his happy rendering of "Welcome, Pretty Primrose." The closing number, overture to "Martha," played by Miss Campbell and Mr. Andrew, held the audience spell-bound until the last chord died away. This concert demonstrated the

superior excellence of the College of Music in its educational work.

The fourth and last song recital by Mr. Max Heinrich was given Tuesday evening, March 20, at Central Music Hall, when a programme was presented in an admirable manner.

A new organization called "The Opera Club" was born the past month with a membership of fifty well-known musicians. Its purpose is set forth in the following resolution adopted at the first meet-

Resolved—"That this club recognizes the importance of encouraging the study of operatic music and the conversation of the human voice; that the sense of this meeting is that its objects can be best realized by organization for the practice and intelligent rendering of the best operatic music, and to found a free musical

library for the use of its members."

The officers of "The Opera Club" are: Carl Bronson, president; Carl Case, secretary; R. F. Stiller, treasurer, and Carl Bunge, librarian. The headquarters of the club are in the magnificent new Cable Build-

ing, 28 Jackson boulevard.

Miss Bessie May Hyers, pianist, pupil of the Kelso School of Musical and Dramatic Art, was heard in a recital at Handel Hall Wednesday evening, March 21. Miss Hyers rendered a Chopin program consisting of Nocturnes, waltzes, Impromptu op. 66, Polonaise, Ballade, op. 47, and Scherzo B flat minor.

She was assisted by Miss Ida Artis Powell, contralto, Mr. Alois Trnka, violinist, and the school or-

chestra.

Mr. Max Heinrich and Miss Julia Heinrich will give three song recitals in Boston, April 2, 3 and 4.

Messrs. Jan Van Oordt, Holmes Cowper and the Misses Mabel Goodwin, Louise Blish, Blanche Deering and Helen Lawrence were the soloists at the Mendelssohn Recital given by the American Conservatory Saturday afternoon, March 17.

A. Devin Duvivier dedicated to Theodore Thomas, of the Chicago Orchestra, his symphony in F minor, two movements of which—the marche elegiaque and the allegretto scherzando-were played under the composer's direction at the symphony concerts of March 2 and 3.

A concert was given on Tuesday night, March 27, by the Chicago Musical College Orchestra, assisted by the following pupils: Ethel Kirwin Rood, soprano; Charlotte Kendall Hull, violiniste; Rosalie Jacobsohn, 'celliste. The concert was given in the College Recital Hall, and was a most delightful event. The following programme was well presented under the direction of I. E. Jacobsohn:

Orchestra—Symphony C major (Jupiter)....Mozart Violin—Rondo Capricioso ......Saint-Saens Miss Hull.

Orchestra—Oriental Song ..... Brounoff-Copland Vocal—La Zingarella ...... Campana Mrs. Rood.

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Mr. Edwin Charles Rawdon has been adding further laurels to his fame as a singer of Irish Ballads. At his recital on Wednesday evening, March 14, his work was of the most artistic order. Among the greatest singers of this very difficult class of music, none has more of the real sympathy of interpretation, while few have such perfect mastery of the art of giving the voice. Mr. Rawdon's successes have not been limited to his own country, as the Canadian papers speak in the very highest terms of praise of his work on his recent tour in the Dominion.

Besides this, Mr. Rawdon has sung with immense success in oratorio with many of the leading societies

of the country.

Among Mr. Rawdon's future engagements are May 8, festival, Albion, Mich.; Tarkio, Mo., festival, May 9, 10, and two weeks of recital work in Iowa, Nebraska and Colorado.

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Saturday afternoon, March 10, Perkins' National College of Music gave a recital with young pupils of the school which was of unusual interest and excellence because of the superior talent exhibited and the degree of attainment acquired. The ages of the children ranged from eight to fourteen. The piano



HAZEL GENEVIEVE WELSH, VIOLINISTE. Eleven years of age.

pupils were: Josephine MacIntyre (pupil of Miss Berryman), Lillie Davis (pupil of M. E. Kellogg), Jessie Warner (pupil of Miss Haungs), and Edna Hovland (pupil of Miss Larsen); violin pupils, Wayne Osborne, Hazel Genevieve Welsh (pupils of C. F. Kellogg); vocal, Master Harry Dushoff (pupil of Dr. Perkins), and elocution, Grace E. Longnecker and Iddie Bouton (pupils of Mrs. Lyman).

Master Osborne played the Fifth Air Varie, op. 89, by Danela, and Miss Welsh the Air Varie in D minor, op. 1, by DeBeriot. Both of these young people handled the bow like masters, producing a full, sonorous, sympathetic tone to which it was pleasing to listen. Intonation and technic were excellent.

Misses Bouton and Longnecker gave evidence of good training and talent in their recitations. Miss Longnecker responded to a very hearty recall. Master Dushoff was the vocal "star." He has a fine soprano voice and sings with intelligence, feeling and expres-



MASTER HARRY DUSHOFF, SOPRANO. Twelve years of age.

sion. He received an enthusiastic encore after singing "The Flight of Ages." The recital closed with a string quartette charmingly played by Hazel Welsh, Wayne Osborne, George and Ralph Hall. We are pleased to present the portraits of Master Harry and Miss Hazel, and to appropriate so much space to such a creditable entertainment by the little people. Too much credit cannot be given to the college and the several teachers of the pupils.

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The Fenno Ladies' Quartette have been very busy this season. They have filled engagements in the past two months in West Pullman, Oak Park, Pullman, Plano, Tenth Presbyterian Church (City), American Auditorium (City), St. James' Methodist Church (City), and Irish Folk song concert, March 17, W. Pullman.

The Spiering Quartet was engaged for concerts last month in the following cities: Kansas City, Kansas; Topeka, Kansas; Dallas, Texas; Arkadelphia, Ark., and St. Louis, Mo.

The numerous friends of the Vilim Trio attended en masse a chamber music concert given at Kimball Rehearsal Hall, Tuesday, March 27.

The programme here appended was delightfully

given and met with a generous approval	
Trio, op. 97	
Allegro Moderato	1
Scherzo	<b>)</b> Beethoven
Andante Cantabile	
Allegro Moderato et Presto	1
Violin and Piano—	•

"Aus der Heimat Nos. 1 and 2"........... Smetana

	Mr. Vilim and Mrs. Murdough.	Response—"Days and Moments Quickly Flying,"
	Violoncello— Sonata, op. 36	Mr. Wrightson.
•	( Allegro )	Organ Postlude—"In F"Sterne
	Mr. Kalas and Mrs. Murdough.	Mr. Graham.
	Trio—Dumky, op. 90	The pupils of the Juvenile Department of the
	William Tria Mrs. Gertrude MurdoughPiano	American Conservatory gave a charming recital Tuesday evening, March 20, in Kimball Hall, interpreting
	Vilim Trio Mr. Joseph VilimViolin Mr. John KalasVioloncello	the following program in a splendid manner:
	* * *	Sonata in C major
	The Chicago Piano College will give a programme of compositions by members of the faculty in Kim-	(a) Ballade (for violin) ( Dedicated to )
	ball Rehearsal Hall Saturday afternoon, April 7. The	(b) Minuett (c) Venetian Serenade (Mabel Wood- worth. Weidig
	programme will be as follows: Piano—A Night Song	Miss Mabel Woodworth.
	Mr. Charles E. Watt.	Song—"Butterflies" Corbett
•	Songs—(a) Do I Love Thee?W. W. Leffingwell (b) Four Leaved CloverC. W. Best	Miss May Niblick. Valse in E flatDurand
	Mrs. Flora Hampton.	Miss Maud Johnston. Fantasia in D minor
	Piano—(a) A Leaflet	Miss May Doelling.
	Miss Bessie Hughes.	Concerto in G major (violin)
	Song—Nocturne	Miss Ethel Freeman.
	Piano—(a) Moods	Song—"Swallows" Cowen Miss Julia M. Blish.
	Mr. Harmon H. Watt.	Mandolin—Romanza Ascher
	Violin—Romance	Master Chester Keil. Fantasie pastoraleSingelee
	Mr. W. W. Leffingwell. Piano—(a) Nocturne	Master Tommy Purcell. (a) Solfegietto
	(b) Valse (at Springtide)Harmon H. Watt Mr. Charles E. Watt.	(b) Loose LeavesKoelling
	Vocal Trio—Good NightNell A. Remick	Master Bertie Hyde. Song—"Dear Little Somebody"Ruifrok
	Miss Evangeline Wallace, Mrs. Myra K. Watt, Miss Belle Remick.	Song—"Dear Little Somebody"
	P. S.—Nocturne, Moods and Caprice (Watt), Ro-	Miss Lillian Sabbath. The Two LarksLeschetitzky
	mance and Nocturne (Leffingwell), and Good Night (Remick), are still in manuscript.	Miss May Doelling.
	* * *	* * * * Leopold Godowsky, the pianist connected with
	Mr. Sydney Lloyd Wrightson gave his seventh monthly musical service on Sunday evening, March	the Chicago Conservatory, it is said will sever his con-
	25. at the Fullerton Avenue Presbyterian Church.	nection with that institution this spring and take up a permanent residence in Germany.
	He was assisted on this occasion by Miss Rose Reichard, violinist; Mr. Joseph Schwickerath, bass; The	* * *
	Choral Union of the church, and Mr. Arthur Cyril	At the studio of Mrs. Anna Goff Bryant Thursday evening, March 8, an elaborate programme of
	Graham, organist. The musical portion of the programme was as follows:	more than artistic interest was charmingly given. The
	Organ Prelude—"Gavotte in B flat"Roeder Mr. Graham.	large concourse of friends in attendance were prolific in praises of the singing of the trio of artists inter-
	Chorus—"Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come". Elvey	preting the programme.
	The Choral Union. Violin Solo—"Adagio, Op. 34"Franz Ries	Miss Hoag possesses a beautiful soprano voice, Mrs. Bryant a contralto of charming quality, and Mr.
	Miss Riechard.	Bryant a tenor enchanting in the extreme. Altogether
	Bass Solo—"O, God! Have Mercy!" (St. Paul)Mendelssohn Bartholdy	the recital was one of the most artistic musical successes of the season. The numbers of the evening
	Mr. Schwickerath.	were admirably accompanied by the pianistic artist, Mrs. Nellie Bangs Skelton.
	Violin Solo—"Romance, Op. 26"Johans Svendsen Miss Riechard.	Duet—"How Art Thou, Mine Own?"Hildach
(	Organ—Offertory—"Simple Aveu"Thome Mr. Graham.	Miss Hoag and Mr. Bryant. "Eye Hath Not Seen" (Holy City)Gaul
	Baritone Solo—"O, Divine Redeemer," with	"Winter Night" Hollaender
	Violin Obligato (by request)Gounod Mr. Wrightson.	"Where Blooms the Rose"
(	Chorus—"Hosanna in the Highest"Stainer	"These Are They" (Holy City)Gaul
	The Choral Union.	V, VII, from Shön GretleinAlexander von Felitz



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Miss Hoag.				
Recitative—"Thy Rebuke Hath Broken His				
Heart" Handel				
Aria—"Behold and See if There be Any Sor-				
row" Handel				
"Woodland Whispers" Jensen				
Mr. Bryant.				
Duet—"Contentment"Goring Thomas				
Miss Hoag and Mr. Bryant.				
"My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice"Saint-Saens				
"Der Tod und Das Mädchen"Schubert				
"Die Liebe Ist Grün" Brahms				
Mrs. Bryant.				
"By the Murmuring Stream"Tschaikowsky				
"Mutter Tändelei," op. 43 (new)Richard Strauss				
"The Willow" Goring Thomas				
Miss Hoag.				
"Wiegenlied," op. 41 (new)Richard Strauss				
"Thou Art So Like a Flower"				
"In This Hour of the Night"Tschaikowsky				
Mr. Bryant.				
"In Autumn"Franz				
"To a Rose"				
"Will Niemand Singen" (Old German Dance				
Song Hildach				
"The Fairy's Lullaby"Needham				
Mrs. Bryant.				

The wedding of Miss Lucille Belle Stevenson, soprano of Second Presbyterian church, and Mr. Wentworth Will Tewksbury will take place on Tuesday evening, April 17.

The Schumann club will present a Scotch programme Tuesday evening at their room, 720 Fine Arts building. An interesting paper on Scotch music and musicians will be read by Miss Mabel Busby, and real Scotch songs will be sung by Mrs. Hiram Parsha'l Thompson and the Misses Martha Roberta Bell and Annie Fyfe Smith, pupils of Prof. James Gill. Miss Myrtle Sweetland, pupil of Mr. Seeboeck, and Miss Mabel C. Wallace, pupil of Miss Emma E. Clark, will play selections from Scotch masters. Miss Nettie Leona Foy, accompanist.

Victor Garwood announces the second recital by members of his "salon class" Tuesday evening, April 3, at 8 o'clock, Kimball hall. Miss Mabel Goodwin will assist with songs, Adolf Weidig with violin.

The Chicago Marine band, Thomas Preston Brooke, conductor, has been engaged to play at the May festival in Nashville, Tenn., week of May 7.

The dramatic department of the American Conservatory will give an entertainment consisting of two short plays and several monologues at Handel hall, Saturday afternoon, April 7, under the direction of Miss Lila Howell and Miss Lumm.

The Gottschalk Lyric school announces a pupils' recital at Kimball hall Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

A recital will be given by Miss Augusta Sottmann, pianiste, assisted by Theodore Spiering, violinist, at Handel hall, Tuesday evening, April 3. The "Kreutzersonate" will be among the selections.

The Chicago Piano Collège announces a programme of compositions by members of the faculty to be given in Kimball hall Saturday, April 7, at 1:30 o'clock.

A. K. Virgil of New York and Mrs. Francis Greene Wheeler will give a lecture and a recital at Auditorium Recital hall on Wednesday evening, April 4.

The French opera season at the Auditorium reached its conclusion Saturday with a presentation of Reyer's spectacular opera, "Salammbo." The company will appear once more before its departure in a performance to be given at the Auditorium next Tuesday night.

M. Charley said that the three weeks' season had been a disappointment to him in view of the success which attended his visit to the Auditorium last season.

Mr. Adams spoke of the prevailing depression in musical matters and said that the company would come out even.

Miss Laura Pumphrey sang a solo at the Society of Ethical Culture's services Sunday morning. Miss Pumphrey has a charming soprano voice and did great credit to her teacher, Mr. A. K. Lowry.

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### Chicago, April, 1900.

The following notice appeared in the Times-

Herald, March 30:

Bernhard Ulrich, the director of the Chicago Conservatory of Music and Dramatic Art, will present his resignation to-day. He stated last night that he was not taking this step because of any want of harmony within the conservatory. He desires to have a vacation in order to study for a time in Germany or possibly in this country, and intends to lead in a movement in the future to found in Chicago an endowed conservatory, not devoted to commercial profit, but conducted on the lines of the consérvatories in Boston and Cincinnati.

Up to the present writing neither the proprietors of the Chicago Conservatory or anyone else in the musical world has expressed any tears of remorse. Mr. Ulrich has never made a success of anything he has undertaken, not even of the conservatory. Perhaps its director or directors don't know of "his so-called resignation." We have known a great many people who have resigned, that is, to hear them say so. But the other fellow said differently; this is perhaps a duplicate case.

Frederick Grant Gleason, one of Chicago's best musicians, has been appointed manager of the Chicago Conservatory. We congratulate the institution upon • the acquisition of so capable a man and feel assured it will, under his judicious management, take rank with our foremost musical institutions.

### AT THE STUDEBAKER.

The week of March 12th the Castle Square Co. gave an elaborate production of "Lohengrin," the most beautiful and popular of the Wagner operas, at the Studebaker. As to the artistic quality of the production by this company it was a conspicuous success. The sufferings of Elsa, the plottings of Talramund and Ortrud, and all the poetry of the legend made themselves felt in this interpretation in English, and in every respect the production was unsurpassed in the history of the Castle Square

Company. In the point of scenery, dresses and detail the production was historically accurate and formed a succession of magnificent stage pictures, with groups of gorgeously garbed singers and picturesque pageants. In all "Lohengrin" was a great artistic undertaking, marking another step in the progress of the Castle Square Company. The cast was one of unusual excellence, including the leading members of the great singing force of this organization. With alternates it was as follows:

Lohengrin.. Jos. F. Sheehan, Barron Berthold, Wm. Wegener.

Elsa.....Yvonne de Treville, Frances Miller Ortrud......Mary Linck, Adelaide Norwood Talramund......Wm. Mertens, W. W. Hinshaw King......W. H. Clarke, Herald......Frank H. Belcher

At the Studebaker the new opera of the modern Italian school—Niccola Spinelli's "At the Lower Harbor" (A Basso Porto) was for the first time heard in Chicago the week of March 19. The composition is a remarkable example of that young school of Italian composers to which we owe "Cavalleria Rusticana," "I Pagliacoi" and "La Boheme," the latter of which was also given its first production in the vernacular in this country by the Castle Square Company. "At the Lower Harbor" has been unanimously acknowledged to be a tone picture of the seamy side of Italian life which, in truthfulness of expression and brilliant colering, surpasses any modern composition. It was given here by the same cast which made the original productions such a great success in New York and St. Louis, including Miss Selma Kronold and Miss Mary Linck in the leading role—that of Maria. Miss Kronold created this part in the original production abroad. "At the Lower Harbor" was preceded at each performance with another modern Italian composition, Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana."

Mr. Wm. A. Wegener made his debut at the Wednesday performance as Lohengrin. That he was a success bore ample evidence in the wealth of applause bestowed upon his interpretation of Lohengrin, an artistic and thoroughly satisfactory one by the way.

The Castle Square Opera Company reverted to Wagner the week of March 26, presenting "Tannhauser," the second of the cycle of this composer's hauser," the second of the cycle of this composer's works of which recent announcement was made. "Tannhauser" will give way on April 2 to the same composer's "Flying Dutchman." "Tannhauser" was sumptuously staged and the presentation splendidly given with an augmented chorus and an enlarged orchestra. The cast for the week, with alternates, was as follows:

Elizabeth......Miss De Treville or Miss Kronold Venus......Greta Risley or Miss Belmont Shepherd Boy......Miss Bertelle Wolfram......William Mertens or W. W. Hinshaw Tannhauser...Joseph F. Sheehan or Barron Berthald Walter..... Harry Davies or William Forane Bitterhoff. E. N. Knight
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#### GOTHAM GOSSIP.

August Wm. Hoffman, the well-known Pittsburg teacher and composer, is about to become a resident of New York.

Owing to the lethargy of the directors and members of the Society of American Musicians and Composers, President Edward McDowell has resigned. The inactivity of this organization is to be lamented.

The anniversary of the birth of Chopin, which occurred on Thursday, March 1, was celebrated by Vladimir de Pachmann, the famous Chopin interpreter, by a recital at Mendelssohn Hall, when he devoted his entire programme to the famous Polish composer. It is needless to say that the performance was one highly enjoyed by those present.

The most ambitious summer musical festival ever attempted in America will be given at Atlantic City during the coming summer. Arrangements have been made by Bandmaster Fred N. Innes to produce grand opera at popular prices. The productions will be given in the magnificent auditorium at the head of the new steel pier in conjunction with Innes and his celebrated band, which will begin its second summer's engagement in Atlantic City on June 30. Several of the members of Grau's New York Grand Opera Company have been engaged, and the operas will be produced upon an elaborate and artistic scale.

Miss Effie Stewart, the soprano of Dr. Parkhurst's Church, was examined in supplementary proceedings in a judgment for \$2,581. She positively refused to give all the information desired as to her ability to pay. She objected mainly to naming fashionable women in whose houses she had sung. She asserted that her income is only \$800 a year and what she can make extra by singing at funerals. She admitted

that she sometimes sings in the homes of the wealthy, but declared that these services are without compensation. She says that after paying \$50 for her apartments she has left only \$4 a month for food and other expenses.

Edouard Strauss, the "waltz king," with his orchestra of fifty musicians from Vienna, having obtained the consent of Emperor Francis Joseph, has signed a contract with Rudolph Aronson for 100 concerts to be given in America, beginning October 15 at New York.

Herr Strauss will compose a waltz entitled, "Welcome to America," which he will dedicate to the American people.

Grand opera in English is to be rendered in New York, but it is expected to be about as unintelligible as it ever was.

It has been decided at Harvard University to give up the idea of sending a university chorus to Paris this year. The trials for places on the chorus have recently been held, and the judges announced that they had not found sufficient musical or vocal talent to warrant sending a chorus abroad.

A memorial to Campanini has been erected in Parma, where he died some three years ago. One of the saddest of all sights used to be Campanini, after his voice had gone, coming out of the Metropolitan Opera House, unrecognized, his faithful wife on his arm, and the air full of plaudits for Jean de Reszke. He had to suffer the discipline of having a physical affliction rob him of a means of expression when he was otherwise still strong. His wife, who was so faithful a helper to him, has been left with ample means. "What is there left me to do but to think of him, and do what I can for the poor, as he always did?" she said in conversation with a friend.

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There was a sensational incident in the performance of "Carmen" at the Metropolitan Opera House Friday evening, March 23. The third act was on. The scene was on the smugglers' camp. Escamillo and Don José had quarreled over their love for the wayward gipsy girl. They had drawn their knives and were fighting furiously. Scotti was the Escamillo, Salignac the Don José.

In the action Don José bests Escamillo, who slips and falls. At this moment Carmen rushes in and saves Escamillo's life. Calvé was Carmen. Her rush to separate the two combatants brought her in close proximity to Scotti, who, as he fell, accidentally struck her in the body. The blow was a severe one. Calvé fell heavily and remained motionless, stretched on the

stage.

Those who did not know the story, believing the scene to be in the plot, started in to applaud, for the effect was startling. But the knowing ones were frightened, and their fears were confirmed when the curtain was rung down.

A physician found that Calvé had fainted. Restoratives were applied and she was soon herself again.

Colonel George F. Hinton, representing the Sousa Military Band, has closed contracts with the intendant of the royal opera under which this band will begin its German tournée in Berlin. It will play at the new opera house, formerly Kroll's, from May 20 to May 27. The band will play later in Leipzig, Dresden, Hamburg, Bremen, Hanover, Munich, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Dusseldorf, Cologne, and Wiesbaden.

The New York musical manager, Henry Wolfsohn, has made contracts with Mme. Lillian Blauvelt, Clare Butt, the English contralto; Fritz Kreisler, violinist; Hugo Becker, 'cellist; Augusta Cottlow, the young Chicago pianist who has given successful concerts here; and Mr. and Mrs. Henschel. They will give tournées in the United States and Canada next autumn and winter.

Maurice Grau of the Maurice Grau Opera Company and Henry W. Savage of the Castle Square Opera Company have perfected definite arrangements to give grand opera in English at the Metropolitan Opera House.

The agreement is for a term of years, and a company is now in process of incorporation to be known as the Metropolitan English Opera Company, of which Messrs. Grau and Savage will be the managing directors, with Frank W. Sanger a member of the board of directors. The season will begin about the first of October and will continue until December 15.

The company will then make a tour of the principal cities, returning to the Metropolitan at Easter

week for a spring season to continue throughout April and May. Six evening performances will be given, with matinées on Wednesday and Saturday, two or more operas constituting the week's répertoire.

Negotiations are now in progress with those singers identified with the American and European operatic stage who are best equipped to give opera in English in an artistic manner. The chorus will number seventy voices, largely drawn from the Castle Square choruses and the American chorus of the Metropolitan. The orchestra will comprise forty of the best musicians in New York under competent direction. The prices of reserved seats will range from 25 cents to \$2, with boxes at from \$7 to \$10.

The formation of the Metropolitan English Opera House Company will in no way affect the future of the enterprises now directed by Mr. Grau and Mr. Savage.

### VERNON D'ARNALLE.

Vernon d'Arnalle, the baritone who has recently joined the faculty of the Chicago Musical College, made a decidedly favorable impression at his first concert in this city on March 13. Mr. d'Arnalle presented a programme which appealed more to musicians than to the general public. It included compositions by Grieg, Massenet, Brahms, Franz, Wagner and Campbell-Tipton, besides several English ballads. Though the entire programme was given in the most delightful manner, Mr. d'Arnalle was probably at his best in the German songs. That he is not only a singer but is a highly cultured musician as well, was easily discernible in his work. He has temperament, is thoroughly artistic and holds his audience at all times. His voice is a baritone of the richest, most beautiful quality. He easily takes rank with the leading concert artists of the present day.

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